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Dear Mr. Rondon:

I am enclosing an article which appeared in the Minneapolis Tribune on October 10th. Even though it wasn't written locally, I thought of you and your work when I read it and remembered how you so kindly brought me a clipping from the Washington Post on my return home.

It was also interesting for me to hear Mr. Rudy V. Fimbres speak on Human Rights and Foreign Policy in Minneapolis on October 21st. Many concerned individuals were present including a representative from Amnesty International who was on the discussion panel. He informed me that the State Department had later contacted him and that he had made a special plea for any assistance that could be given to my husband, Horacio Guillermo Lopez, who remains in prison in Argentina.

As you can imagine, the joy of my freedom and reunion with loved ones is tempered by the fact that, to the best of my knowledge, my husband is still being held in connection with my case, even though the judge ordered his release last August. I fear for his safety, especially knowing of the maltreatment and disappearance of Argentine prisoners during transfers to other prisons. The last I knew was that he was being held in the Coronda jail in the city of San Lorenzo, Province of Santa Fe, Argentina. I would most deeply appreciate anything that could be done to ensure his safety or secure his release.

I was pleased to hear of the parole program to the United States for Chilean refugees and the possibility of its extension to include Argentine citizens as well. I am interested in knowing more about this, especially if it may be of help to my husband, and also anything you can inform me about the formal protest made by the State Department to the Argentine Government concerning human rights violations, and the results it may have had.

I would like to use this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for everything that you and those associated with you did in your efforts to gain my release and my appreciation, concern and support for your continuing work.

Respectfully,

*Gwendolyn Lopez*  
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cc. Honorable Congressman Donald M. Fraser  
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